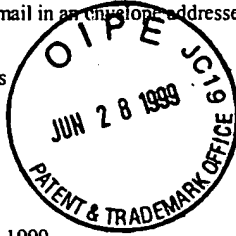


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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. In addition, applicant encloses a copy of a German search report (with English translation) dated September 25, 1996 which was issued in conjunction with the German application No. 19619503.9, and in which references AH-AN were cited. Further, applicant encloses a copy of a search report dated January 19, 1998 which was issued in conjunction with the International application No. PCT/EP9704987 and in which references AO-AU were cited.


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